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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO on Form PTO-1449:

To support plural formatting forms by the same IC memory card.

Reference AP on Form PTO-1449:

To support "write protection" with the switch.

Reference AQ on Form PTO-1449:

To realize recording/reproduction accesses having the high degree of freedom to plural recording media.

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